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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE-1999-2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 811

Introduced by Assembly Member Keeley

February 24, 1999

An act to add Section 367.5 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 811, as amended, Keeley. Electrical restructuring.

The Public Utilities Act requires the Public Utilities Commission to recover uneconomic costs associated with electrical deregulation, including transition costs, as defined, to be allocated as prescribed. The act requires that individual customers not experience rate increases as a result of the allocation of transition costs.

This bill would require the commission to implement a methodology whereby the Power Exchange energy credit for a customer with a meter capable of recording hourly data is calculated based on the actual hourly data for that customer. The bill would require the energy credit to be the sum of the products of the Power Exchange energy costs authorized by the commission and the actual hourly recorded usage of the customer for each hour in the billing period. The bill would provide that the methodology shall not result in any shifts in

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cost between customer classes and shall be consistent with a specified provision of existing law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 367.5 is added to the Public 2 Utilities Code, to read:
- 3 367.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in 4 enacting this section to ensure that individual customers 5 do not experience rate increases as a result of the 6 allocation of transition costs, in accordance with 7 paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 367.
- 8 (b) The commission shall implement a methodology 9 whereby the Power Exchange energy credit for a 10 customer with a meter capable of recording hourly data 11 is calculated based on the actual hourly data for that 12 customer. The Power Exchange energy credit shall be 13 equal to the sum of the products of (1) the Power 14 Exchange energy costs authorized by the commission, 15 and (2) the actual hourly recorded usage of the customer 16 for each hour in the billing period.
- 17 (c) The methodology developed by the commission 18 pursuant to subdivision (b) shall not result in any shifts in 19 cost between customer classes and shall be consistent 20 with the firewall provision set forth in subdivision (e) of 21 Section 367.